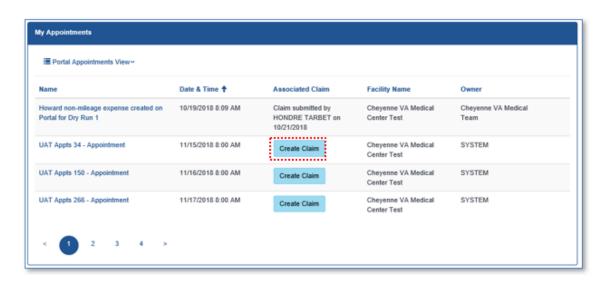
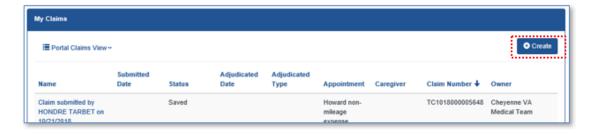
## BTSSS Veteran Portal – How to Create and Submit a Claim

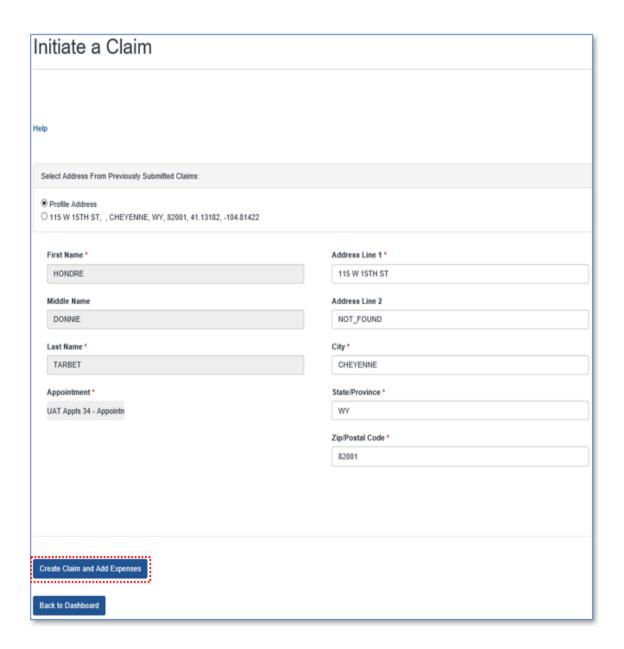
- 1. There are two ways to create a claim from My Dashboard:
  - a. <u>Method 1:</u> In *My Appointments,* click *Create Claim* in the *Associated Claims* column for the appointment you wish to submit a claim for. Appointments that already have an associated claim will display the claim name in this column rather than the *Create Claim* button.



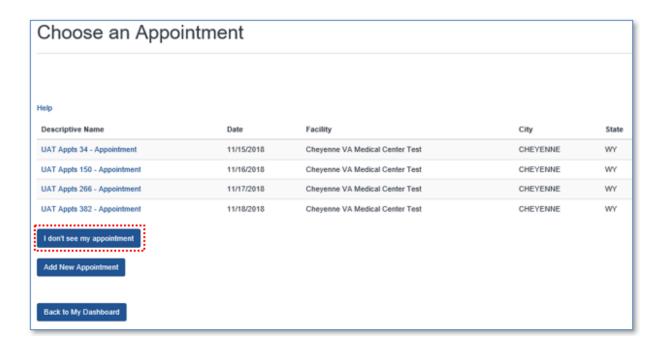
b. Method 2: Click *Create* in the upper right of *My Claims*.



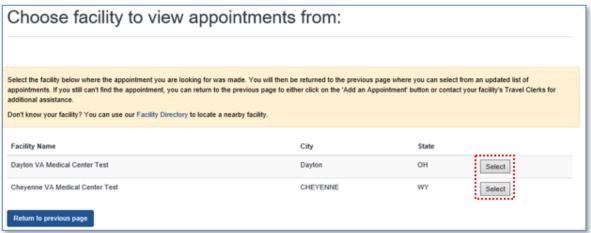
Method 1 opens the *Initiate a Claim* form with the appointment details already populated.
Confirm the address information on the page is correct, update if necessary, and then click
Create Claim and Add Expenses. (See Picture Below)



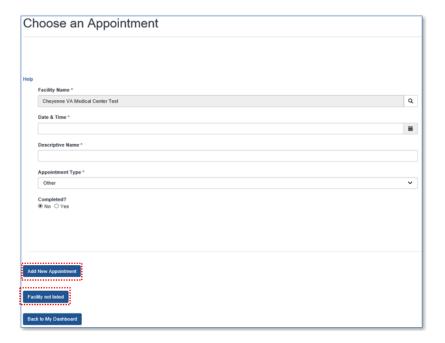
- 3. **Method 2** opens a *Choose an Appointment* page that lists only appointments that do not already have an associated claim. These are the same appointments that have *Create Claim* buttons in *My Appointments* above.
  - a. Clicking an appointment in this list opens the same *Initiate a Claim* page that clicking *Create Claim* for that appointment opens for that appointment in *My Appointments*.
  - b. If the appointment you wish to create a claim for is *not* in this list, click *I don't see my appointment* <u>before</u> clicking **Add New Appointment**. (See Picture Below)



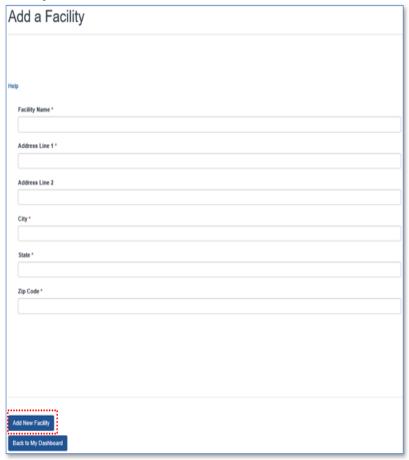
c. The *Choose facility to view appointments from* page is displayed. Click the *Select* button for the facility associated with the appointment you wish to create a claim for.



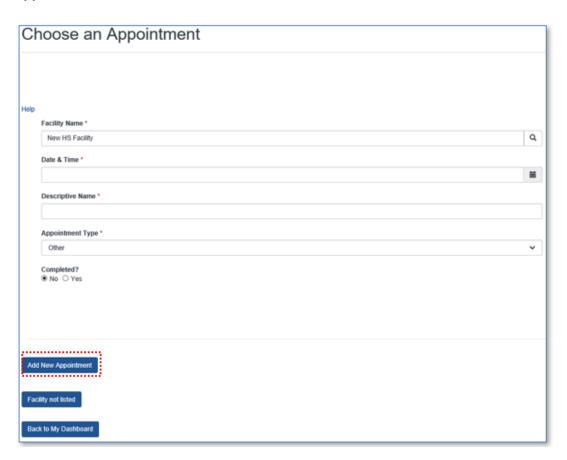
- d. It will return you to the *Choose an Appointment* page with a refreshed list of your appointments for that facility.
- e. If the appointment still does not appear, you can contact a Travel Clerk at that facility or click Add New Appointment. The Choose an Appointment page is displayed. Complete the form and click Add New Appointment.
  - i. Submitted claims with Completed? = No will not be processed until the appointment has been updated and marked by the system as completed.
  - ii. If you need to change the *Facility Name* and cannot locate the correct one by searching for it by clicking the magnifying glass (opens the search window), click *Facility not listed*. (See Picture Below)



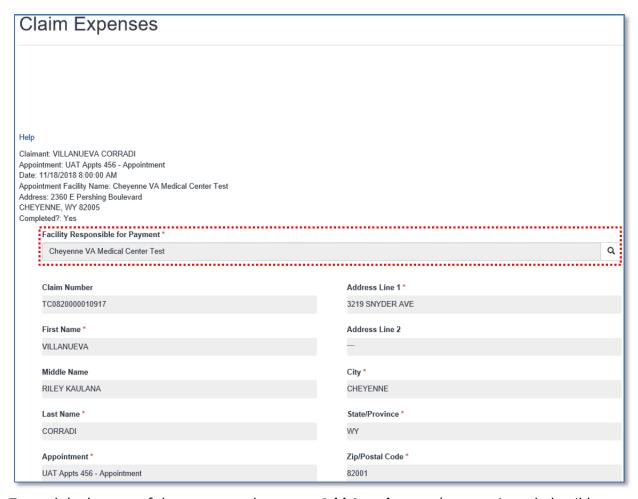
iii. The Add a Facility page is displayed. Complete the form and click Add New Facility.



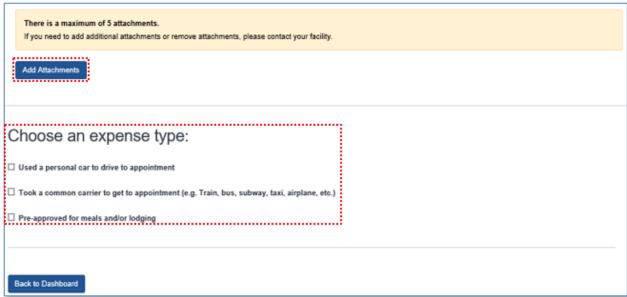
- iv. Your new facility should now appear in **Facility Name** on the **Choose an Appointment** page.
- v. Complete the remainder of the fields on the form and click **Add New Appointment.**



- f. The *Initiate a Claim* page appears with the new appointment you created displayed under *Appointment* (see *Initiate a Claim* page in Step 2, above). Confirm the address information on the page is correct, update if necessary and then click *Create Claim and Add Expenses*.
- 4. The *Claim Expenses* page is displayed listing the appointment details in the upper left, the *Facility Responsible for Payment* and claim details and any notes in the middle.
  - a. Confirm the *Facility Responsible for Payment* displayed for the claim is correct and change if necessary. (See Picture Below)



5. Toward the bottom of the page are a button to *Add Attachments* (e.g. receipts, deductible waiver applications, etc.) and checkboxes to begin adding expenses.



- 6. To begin adding expenses, select one or more checkboxes as appropriate under *Choose an expense type*.
  - a. Selecting *Used a personal car to drive to appointment* displays the following buttons:

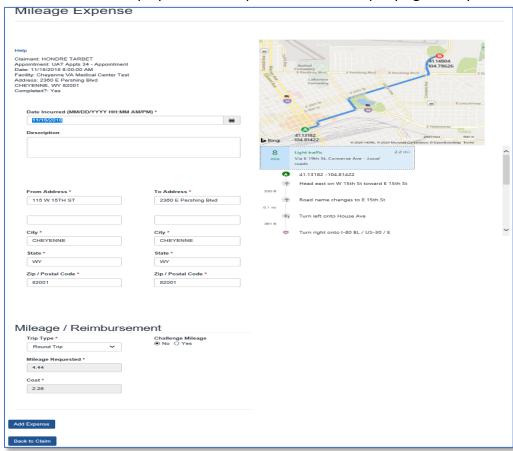
b. Selecting *Took a common carrier to get to appointment (e.g. Train, bus, subway, taxi, airplane, etc.)* displays the following buttons:

Add Air Travel Expense	Add Common Carrier Expense	Add Other Expense

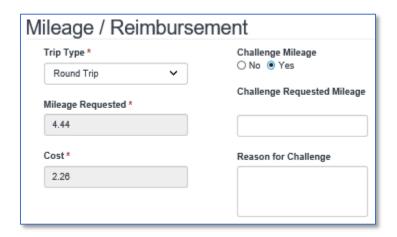
c. Selecting *Pre-approved for meals and/or lodging* displays the following buttons:



- d. Click the Add Mileage Expense button to display the Mileage Expense page.
  - *i.* Appointment details are displayed in the upper left and *Date Incurred*, *From Address* and *To Address* are prepopulated and can be edited if necessary.
  - *ii.* The *Mileage/Reimbursement* amounts displayed at the bottom of the page are calculated based on the address information and resulting derived route displayed in the map and in the accompanying turn-by-turn directions.



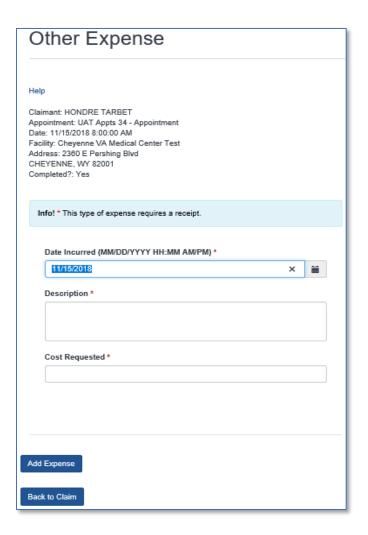
i. The Mileage/Reimbursement amounts can be changed by selecting the appropriate Trip Type (Round Trip or One Way). Select Challenge Mileage = Yes if you wish to submit a mileage expense for a different mileage. Supply the mileage you wish to be reimbursed for in Challenge Requested Mileage and a reason for the change in Reason for Challenge.



- ii. When all information is supplied and accurate, click the Add Expense button at the bottom of the page. The expense is added to the Expense Line Items on the Claim Expenses page. You can edit or delete the expense by clicking Edit or Delete.
  - 1. **Description** and the **Requested** amounts will reflect the **Challenge Requested Mileage** if a challenge was entered.

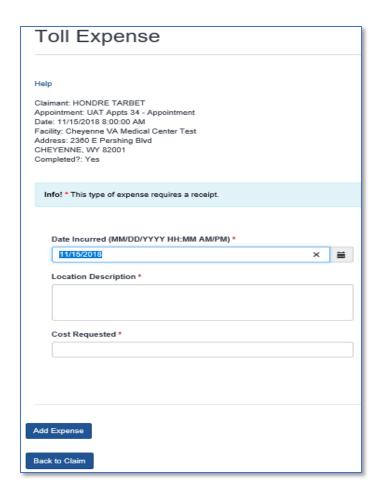


- e. Click **Add Parking Expense** button to display the **Other Expense** page.
  - i. Appointment details are displayed in the upper left. Supply the correct *Date Incurred*,
     *Description* and *Cost Requested* (e.g. 15.00, without a dollar sign) and click *Add Expense*. (See Picture Below)



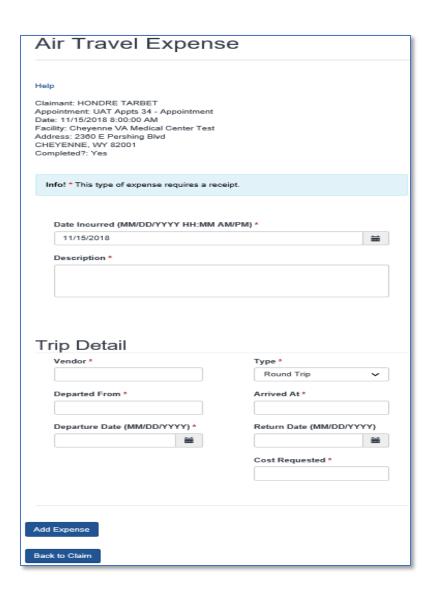


f. Click *Add Toll Expense* button to display the *Toll Expense* page. Supply the correct *Date Incurred*, *Location Description* and *Cost Requested* (e.g. 15.00, without a dollar sign) and click *Add Expense* (See Below)



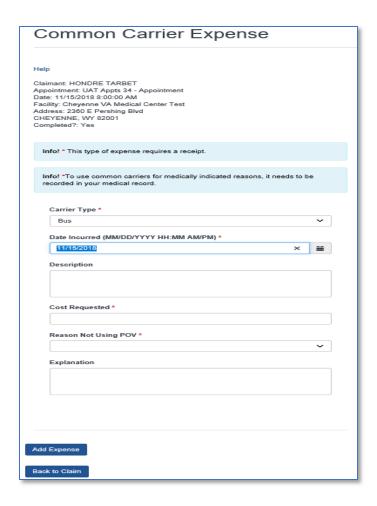


g. Click *Add Air Travel Expense* button to display the *Air Travel Expense* page. Supply the correct *Date Incurred, Description, Vendor, Type, Departed From* (Airport), *Arrived At* (Airport), *Departure Date, Return Date* and *Cost Requested* (e.g. 15.00, without a dollar sign) and click *Add Expense*. (See Below)



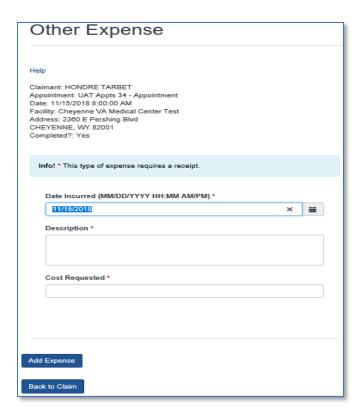


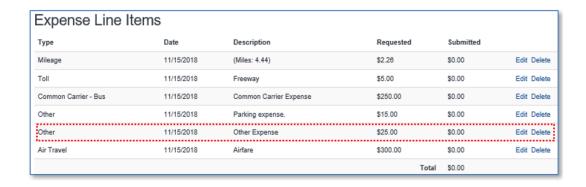
h. Click Add Common Carrier Expense button to display the Common Carrier Expense page. Supply the correct Carrier Type, Date Incurred, Description, Cost Requested (e.g. 15.00, without a dollar sign), Reason Not Using POV, Explanation and click Add Expense. (See Below)



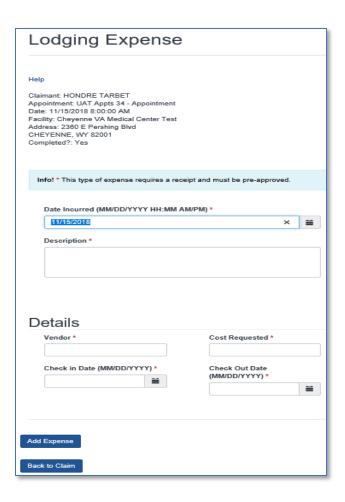


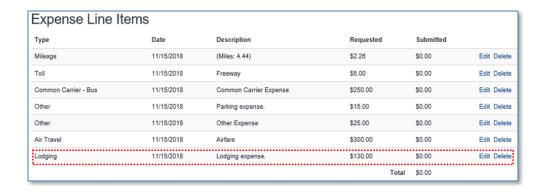
 Click Add Other Expense button to display the Other Expense page. Supply the correct Date Incurred, Description and Cost Requested (e.g. 15.00, without a dollar sign) and click Add Expense. (See Below)



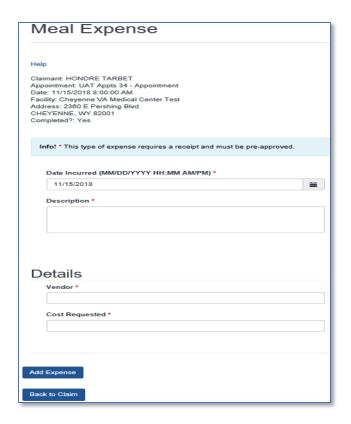


j. Click Add Lodging Expense button to display the Lodging Expense page. Supply the correct Date Incurred, Description, Vendor, Cost Requested (e.g. 15.00, without a dollar sign), Check In Date, Check Out Date and click Add Expense. (See Below)





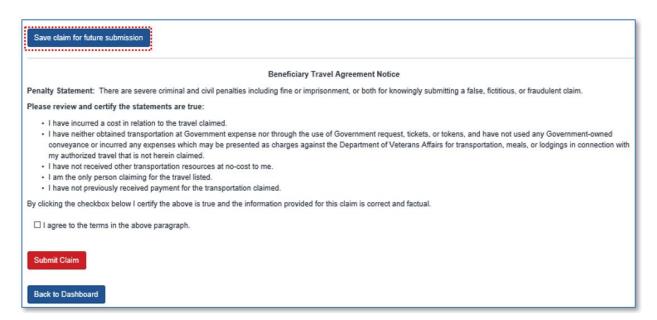
k. Click Add Meal Expense button to display the Mileage Expense page. Supply the correct Date Incurred, Description, Vendor, Cost Requested (e.g. 15.00, without a dollar sign) and click Add Expense. (See Below)





- The Expense Line Items section of the Claim Detail form above summarizes the expenses created on the claim and the Cost Requested and Cost Submitted amounts for each.
- m. After a claim is submitted but before it is *Approved for Payment*, the *Cost Requested* can be adjusted and this new value will appear in the *Cost Submitted* field as a different value than the *Cost Requested*.
- n. After a claim is *Approved for Payment*, the *Cost Submitted* value displayed may be different than the *Cost Requested* amount if it has been changed by a Travel Clerk during review of the claim or if a deductible has been applied.

7. To save a claim at any point after it's been created or while adding expenses, click **Save** claim for future submission at the bottom of the **Claim Expenses** page.



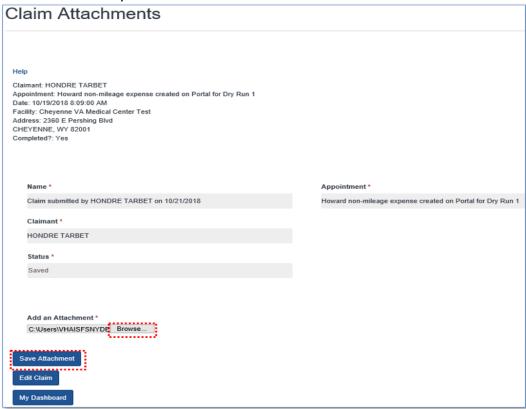
8. You are returned to *My Dashboard* and the *Status* of the claim in *My Claims* is *Saved*.



 To edit a *Saved* claim, click the claim in *My Claims* to open the *Claim Detail* page and click *Edit Claim* at the bottom of the page.



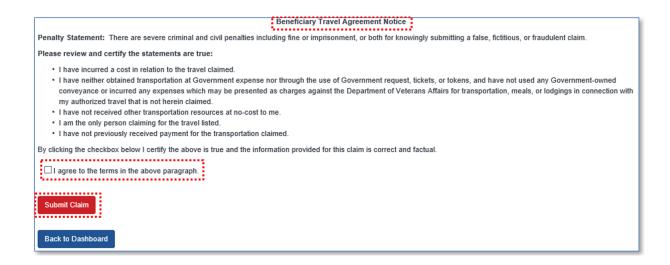
- 10. To add attachments to a claim (e.g. receipts), click the **Add Attachments** button displayed on the **Claim Detail** page (see previous figure) or the **Claim Expenses** page.
  - a. The *Claim Attachments* page is displayed. Click the *Browse* button to locate the file you wish to attach and then click *Save Attachment*.



a. A thumbnail of the file appears on the *Claim Detail* page with its name. You can repeat this process for each file you wish to add (up to a maximum of 5 files).



11. When a claim is ready to submit, from the *Claim Expenses* page (click *Edit Claim* first if on the *Claim Detail* page), review the *Beneficiary Travel Agreement Notice* at the bottom of the page, check the *I agree to the terms in the above paragraph* checkbox and click the *Submit Claim* button (the button will turn green and can be clicked when you check the *I agree...* checkbox).



12. You are taken to *My Dashboard* where the submitted claim and its status can be found in *My Claims*.

